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For: DISEASE SUSCEPTIBILITY GENE FOR
RHEUMATOID ARTHRITIS, PROTEIN
THEREOF, EVALUATION METHOD AND
EVALUATION KIT FOR EVALUATING
ONSET POSSIBILITY OF RHEUMATOID
ARTHRITIS BY USING THOSE, AND
REMEDY AND CURING MEDICINE FOR
RHEUMATOID ARTHRITIS

Examiner: S. C. Pohnert

**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE FILED WITH
REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION**

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Dear Sir:

Applicants are in receipt of the final Office Action mailed on April 27, 2007 (the "Office Action"), and the Advisory Action mailed July 17, 2007 (the "Advisory Action"), in the above-referenced patent application, and further to the paper filed June 27, 2007, now submit this response. A Request for Continued Examination (RCE) is filed herewith. A request for an extension of time is being submitted herewith; this paper is therefore believed to be timely filed.

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS are reflected in the listing of claims beginning at page 2 of this paper.

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS begin at page 3 of this paper.